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Group Art Unit 3738

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d)  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/947,668  
filed on October 09, 1997 entitled VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR A PROSTHETIC LIMB

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4)
  - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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				TOTAL		\$532.00

**6. Small Entity Status:**

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.  
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8. ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time (2 months)

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
TRACEY C. SLEMKER : GROUP ART UNIT: 3738  
SERIAL NO: 08/947,668 :  
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FOR: VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR A  
PROSTHETIC LIMB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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✓  
Please cancel claims 37-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please reintroduce claims 20-36 which were originally presented in the October 09, 1997 preliminary amendment.

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Please add new Claims 43-66 as follows:

43. (New) The prosthetic limb of Claim 36, further comprising a sleeve to be worn over the residual limb.

44. (New) A prosthetic limb socket and valve assembly, comprising:  
a sleeve to be worn over the residual limb;

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